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By FRED OHLE

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The Flyaway coach stood at the curb in its glory of red and black. The four blacks that took the first stage were champing their bits and throwing flecks of foam on the admiring group of idlers, while Spencer Graul in smart coaching rig stood on the hotel steps. Graul attracted almost as much at tention as the well set up coach, for there was something curious in the idea of a millionaire driving a coach in which all might ride who had the

\$10 for a ticket. Graul and Tom Montgomery had set up the coach to awaken interest in four-in-hands. The run was to a river resort thirty miles up, where lunch was covered by the price of the ticket, and back to town again.

The papers had taken up the idea, and the runs of the Flyaway were booked far shead. Graul had glanced idly over the booking list and had found thereon only one well known name. The others were all people whom he did not know, and he wondered whether he would ask Millicent Kent to occupy the box seat with him.

She and her mother were the only passengers he knew, and Graul thought he should give her the seat of honor, though he knew that she was deathly afraid of horses and was making the trip only because it was considered the proper thing to do.

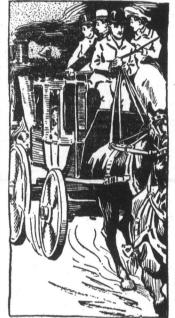
He was still arguing when a little figure in gray darted past him and accosted one of the grooms standing at the horses' heads. The groom pointed to Granl, and that gentleman knew that she had asked for the driver.

The girl came toward him, and Graul noted approvingly that she was more than ordinarily pretty.

"Please," she asked, with a trace of

western accent, "I want to ride on the box with you. May I? Do say yes."
There was a witchery in the eager

eyes, and as she danced back into the



"BEAT 'EM BY A CAR LENGTH!" SHE CALLED JUBILANTLY.

hotel Graul was glad that Miss Kent was not to ride with him. He followed the girl into the hotel and looked over the booking list again. "Who is that girl in gray?" he asked

the clerk. That functionary smiled, "Daisy Redmond," he answered. "Her father's the big mining man. She booked a seat all alone because he hangs out down in the street. Told me she wanted to see if these eastern dudes could hold a candle to western drivers."

Graul nodded and went outside. It was time to be starting, and he mo-tioned to the guard with the ladder. Miss Redmond flashed past him. "Ready!" she cried, and a moment

later, to the intense amusement of the crowd, she had climbed over the wheels and was perched upon the box.

Through the crowded streets the pace

was necessarily slow, and the girl turned to Graul. "Do you let them out when you hit the highroad?" she demanded eagerly. Graul laughed.

"I fancy you will get speed enough when we get going. This is just through downtown." "I should hope so," she retorted. "I

booked for a coach, not a hearse." "I suppose you will write back to the papers that the eastern dudes are undertakers," he laughed. She flashed a quick glance at him.

"You've been talking to the clerk," she announced. "I am curious to see the difference."
"What do you think so far?" he

"I think," she answered, "that if you ever hit the streets of an Arizona town with that Jellow coat on you'd

be sorry."
"Still," he defended, "we can drive

on here."
"Maybe," she said ambiguously. After they reached the open country it was apparent from her glances that she was changing her opinion, and Graul wondered if the drivers she knew of could cut figure eights in the horse show ring such as had gained him a blue ribbon three years in suc

"Think a tan coat is necessarily a hindrance to a driver?" he laughed, as they turned a narrow curve,
"You can drive some," she admitted,

ungraciously, "but these are nice, polite roads and trained horses "Here's a nasty bit," he said, pointing with his whip.

Just beyond lay a sharp descent, which crossed the railroad tracks at the foot of the hill. The road was thaws, and Graul came to a full stor

s he reached the brow.
"Hank Whittlesby would have taken it full tilt," she tensed, as she noted the precaution. Graul laughed, as the s moved slowly forward.

He threw on the brake with care as the wheels began to grind in the gravel. He hated this bit of road when he had passeng, s on board. He always felt that if anything happened it would be right here.

And his fears were verified, f

scarcely had they gone ten feet when with a report like that of a gun, the brake rod broke and the terrific orses sprang into their collars.

This prevented him from turning them into the side of the road an stopping them. He would have to d the best he could now.

The girl gave a startled cry, and f

in instant he wondered why she should cream, when a gray clad arm exten l across his vision, now gived upon the road ahead. The railroad tracks crossed the road

just at the foot of the hill, and a fast freight had just come into sight around a curve. Graul knew that if he did not cross the track before the train reached the crossing he would smash into it and probably kill every one on board. Instead of trying to check the horse he gave them their heads and used the

whip, urging them to greater speed. The light coach bounced and tossed over the heavy ruts, while the terrified passengers on the rear seats clung to the arms and added to the confusion with their screams. Only Daisy, her feet braced against the dashboard, was

With a bang they struck the foot of the hill. There was a sharp rattle as they crossed the tracks, and Dalsy swung around in her seat.

"Beat 'em by a car length!" she called jubilantly. "Hank couldn't have done better than that himself." "Then you are ready to admit that we eastern dudes can drive?" He smil-ed at her as the horses slowed to a

walk in the heavy sand.
"Admit it!" she echoed. "You're a wonder, and any time you want to come out west I'll recommend you to

the stage company."
"I think," said Graul, "that when get out west it will not be in search of a job, but in quest of some one to sit on

he box seat with me." Daisy looked at him keenly. He was not flirting, she felt with a thrill. He

"If you drive all around as straight s you do on the box," she said soberly, "I'il give you a recommendation for

The fact that they are to be married next month argues that he is an all around good driver.

A native of India who lost a large mount of money through the insolvency of an English merchant exclained the English insolvency laws as follows: "In Burma the white man who wants to become insolvent goes into business and gets lots of goods und does not pay for them. He then gets all the money be can togethersay, 30,000 rupees (a rupee is 33 cents) and puts all of it except 100 rupees where no one can find it. 100 rapets he goes to a judge of ourt and tells him he wants to be me bankrupt. The judge then calls he men to whom the white man owes ey, and says, This man is insolve but he wishes to give you all that this 100 rupees among you all." judge thereupon gives the knwyers rupees and the remaining 10 rupees to the other men. Then the insolvent goes home to England."

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In the course of a trial in France a was read from a man named urpin, a chemist, under sentence of re years' imprisonment as a spy, giving directions to a friend, with a view to establishing a secret correspondence with him while in prison. This led to an official inquiry on the subject by the French authorities, and some strange revelations were obtained, from some of the convicts.

It appears that when information has to be conveyed to a prisoner a formal letter, containing apparently nothing but a few trivial facts of a personal nature, is forwarded to the prison. This is read by the governor, who stamps it and allows it to be handed to the man to whom it is addressed. The latter is aware, however, that there is another letter to be read within the lines, this being written in milk and being easily decipherabe on being rubbed over with a dirty finger.-Chambers' Journal.

The First Wills. Wills were at first oral, as were also gifts of land, and were only morally other fathers of the early church credited Noah with having made a will, and in the fourth century the bishop of Brescia declared all those heretical who denied Noah's division of the world to his three sons by will. The oldest known wills are those of Egypt. Both oral and written wills not infre-encutly contained imprecations on those who should neglect them. The carliest written will in existence is that of Sennacherib, which was found in the royal library of Konyunjik. There is a great sameness about our own royal wills. They mainly relate to beds, bedding, clothes, personal or-naments, gold and silver cups and payments for masses, and are generally

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